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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The listed documents were cited in the International Search Report in the corresponding PCT application.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. However, copies of the documents are not provided as it is understood that they have already been transmitted by the International Bureau. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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